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SUBJECT: THE SOVIETS AND PEACEFUL CHANGE

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1. WHILE THERE MAY WELL BE MORE IMMEDIATE PRACTICAL REASONS WHY THE SOVIETS HAVE TAKEN UP THE QUESTION OF PEACEFUL CHANGE AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME (REFTEL) WE ALSO SEE DMITRIYEV ARTICLE AS PART OF BROAD SOVIET EFFORT TO ESTABLISH THEIR INTERPRETATIONS OF CSCE PROVISIONS FOR THE RECORD, FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES AND AS A FOUNDATION FOR THEIR POSITIONS AT THE BELGRADE FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS. THIS BROAD SOVIET EFFORT HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT STEADILY IN SOVIET MEDIA AND POLICY STATEMENTS SINCE HELSINKI AND HAS ALREADY TOUCHED ON MANY SUBJECTS COVERED BY CSCE WHICH ARE OF CONCERN TO THE SOVIETS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THIS TREND WILL CONTINUE AND EVENTUALLY PROVIDE AN INTERPRETATION OF EVERY KEY CSCE ISSUE.

2. WITH REGARD TO PEACEFUL CHANGE, SOVIETS DURING CSCE MADE IT CLEAR THEY CONSIDERED THAT PEACEFUL CHANGE PROVISION IN FINAL ACT COVERS ONLY MINOR TERRITORIAL ADJUSTMENTS AND NOT MAJOR POST WORLD WAR II FRONTIERS. DMITRIYEV

ARTICLE IS CONSISTENT WITH THIS POSITION AND WE INTERPRET IT AS A REITERATION OF THE SOVIET VIEW THAT PEACEFUL CHANGE PROVISION IS LIMITED TO MINOR BORDER ADJUSTMENTS.

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